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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page one (1), line two (2) with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation application from U.S. Serial Number 09/478,170, filed on January 5, 2000, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/115,228, filed January 8, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 20 and 22 without prejudice.

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